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## **Allen-Scott Report**

# **Detailed Reports of Lobbyists' Contacts, Funds Are Demanded**

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Sen. J. William Fulbright, D-Ark., chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, is asking a number of unusually searching questions in his forthcoming investigation of lobbyists for foreign governments and interests.

In preparation for this dynamite loaded probe, Fulbright has sent out a lengthy questionnaire that is exceptional in the range and nature of the information sought. In an accompanying letter, he directs that each question be comprehensively answered on a separate page or pages.



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These detailed replies will be used for interrogating witnesses at public hearings in the fall. The covering letter pointedly implies the lobbyists will be held strictly accountable for the reliability of their written answers.

**COMMITTEE INSIDERS** say the principal targets of Fulbright's investigation are lobbyists representing Katanga's intransigent President Moise Tshombe and the giant Belgian-British controlled Union Miniere reputedly backing him, and foreign sugar interests which played a highly controversial role in the recently enacted sugar quota law.

It was this aggressive lobbying that led to Fulbright's demand for a probe and the Senate's voting \$50,000 for that purpose.

The Foreign Relations Committee chairman's questionnaire requires the lobbyists to provide explicit data on how and why they were employed, how much they were paid, an itemized accounting of what they spent, and their activities in attempting to influence Congress and government officials.

The extraordinary scope and bluntness of the questionnaire has caused a furore in lobbyist circles. It is known there have been alarmed conferences among them, and agitated discussions on how to handle the jolting questionnaire — that hit them like a bolt out of the blue.

**TITLED** "Information for Study of Nondiplomatic Activities of Representatives of Foreign Governments," the questionnaire indicates Fulbright has certain sensational suspicions and is bent on publicly airing them.

In that aim, it is an open secret he has the full backing of the White House and State Department. Both strongly favored this investigation, and are vigorously cooperating in providing information, particularly of a confidential nature obtained from foreign sources.

This fact, known to lobbyists, is adding to the concern of some of them.